

district; each one of the said supervisors of elections shall have a vote upon the proposed selection or nomination of any election clerk, and if in any instance, in consequence of such vote, the board cannot agree upon such appointment, then the names of three persons who are eligible shall be submitted for selection for election clerks by the supervisor or supervisors of election belonging to the leading political party entitled to be represented by such election clerk, and out of said three names the other supervisor or supervisors representing the other political party of the State, shall select the name of such election clerk, if otherwise eligible, who, when so selected, shall be appointed the ballot clerk, and shall serve, unless removed by said board of supervisors of election, so there shall be two ballot clerks for each voting place, and the said ballot clerks shall hold their office for the same period as the judges of election; and one of the said ballot clerks shall be selected from each of the two different parties which polled the largest number of votes at the last preceding general election; the compensation of the ballot clerks shall be the same as that of judges of election; before proceeding to act, they shall take and subscribe an oath, or affirmation, if they be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, in the following form: "I will not attempt to ascertain, save in cases and in the manner in which I am authorized by law to do, for what candidate or candidates any person shall vote or have voted, or how any person shall vote or has voted on any question which may be or may have been submitted to the vote of the people of Frederick, and if such knowledge shall be acquired by me in the performance of my duty, I will not directly or indirectly, by word or act, divulge or reveal the same, or aid in doing so, save when I may be required to do so by law in some legal proceeding, and I will in all things faithfully execute the duties of my office of ballot clerk, according to the best of my knowledge, without favor or partiality, so help me God;" the obligation to serve as such ballot clerks, and the penalty for refusal to serve, shall be the same as provided by law in regard to judges of election in like case; any person having served as ballot clerk shall not be obliged to serve again for three years thereafter; warrants shall be issued to said ballot clerks in the same manner and by the same persons as to judges of election; the two ballot clerks appointed as above for each aldermanic district shall, on the morning of the election and after the ballots have been opened by the return judges, receive the same from the judges of election and have charge thereof; and shall furnish them to the

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